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Prior Art Unit: 1756

Prior Examiner: S. R. Mohamedulla



Sir:

This is a request for filing a [X] continuation [] divisional [] continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. **1.53(b)** of pending prior application Serial No. <u>09/793,646</u> filed on <u>February 26, 2001</u> of <u>Marie Angelopoulos</u>, <u>Katherina E. Babich</u>, <u>Cameron James Brooks</u>, <u>S. Jay Chey</u>, <u>C. Richard Guarnieri</u>, <u>Michael Straight Hibbs and Kenneth Christopher Racette</u> for <u>ATTENUATED EMBEDDED PHASE SHIFT PHOTOMASK BLANKS</u>.

1.	[]	As last amended, the title has been changed to
2.	[]	As last amended, the name of applicant has been changed to

- 3. [X] Enclosed is [X] a copy of the oath or declaration as filed in the prior application or [] a new oath or declaration.
- 4. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THIS APPLICATION	NUMBER FILED				NUMBER EXTRA		RATE		BASIC FEE
								=	\$750.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	47	-	20	=	27	X	\$18.00	=	\$486.00
INDEPENDENT	2	-	3	=	0	X	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
CLAIMS									
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS, (IF ANY)								=	
TOTAL FILING FEE								=	\$1,236.00

5.	[X]	Charge any fees which may be required, except for the Issue Fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0468.
6.	[]	Cancel in this application original Claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
7.		Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: - This is a [X] continuation [] division [] continuation-in-part of application Serial No. <u>09/793,646</u> filed on <u>February 26, 2001.</u>
8.	[]	Priority of application Serial No, filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
		The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial Nofiled
10	.[]	An appointment of associates is enclosed.
11	. [X]	Address all future communications to <u>Dr. Daniel P. Morris, Esq.,</u> IBM Corporation, Intellectual Property Law Dept., P.O. Box 218, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.
12	. [X]	A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.
13	.[]	Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.

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